

**HONOLULU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2003  
OAHU CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY**

Chair Carter Davis called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

**I. INTRODUCTION/REMARKS/ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

C. Davis welcomed everyone and gave introductory remarks. Attendees (list attached) then introduced themselves. The minutes of the November 7, 2002 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Due to a scheduling conflict, James Decker then gave his presentation on explosives legislation and future training. The new federal Homeland Security Act and its effect on Hawaii were discussed. The requirement for a State Certificate of Fitness does not change, but National Criminal Investigation Checks may be done by the Department of Justice. Inspections may also be conducted more frequently. James asked that members of the LEPC support proposed explosives legislation as it makes its way through the State Legislature this year. James also announced that the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Agency will be conducting training in May.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**LEPC BUDGET REPORT, 2ND QUARTER, FY 03**

L. Nakai provided the following report for the 2nd Quarter:

Balance - 9/30/02	\$14,566.54
• Expenditures	
Office supplies, meeting notice, Continuing Challenge, Dixon Risk Services	\$ *
• Reimbursements	
HSERC Share	3,200.00
'03 LEPC Funds	12,558.00
Balance - 12/31/02	\$ *

\*The quarterly report from Fiscal Services was not available at the time of the meeting.

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **HSERC MEETING, 11/21/02**

During the LEPC updates, the Hawaii County LEPC Chair recommended that training and exercise schedules be distributed early to eliminate potential scheduling conflicts. As a result, training and exercise schedules will be presented at future HSERC meetings. Another recommendation that county hazmat teams meet periodically to exchange information was supported by the HSERC. A letter will be sent to the State Fire Council and the LEPCs recommending their support.

Hawaii County also briefed the HSERC on their study to characterize hazmat responses on the island of Hawaii. The information will be used to allocate resources.

#### **HAZMAT EXPLO & NASTTPO MID-YEAR CONFERENCE**

L. Nakai briefed the LEPC on the December 2002 Hazmat Explo & NASTTPO Mid-Year Conference held in Las Vegas, NV. There were 6 separate training tracks along with specialized training available for the 750+ attendees.

Some highlights from the NASTTPO Mid-Year Conference include the following:

- DOT Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Program funding levels for training and planning for FY 04 should remain at similar levels
- The FBI recommended CNN to keep abreast in terrorist related information. Too much information from Afghan detainees was probably released to the public on potential threats, thus making the public largely indifferent to the alerts.
- The computer-based Hazmat/WMD curriculum for Awareness/Operations training should be completed later this fall. This will allow for distance-based inter-active training for first responders.
- LEPCs were encouraged to get involved in Homeland Security issues as a means of gaining federal grants.
- EPA 9<sup>th</sup> Region described their program to survey site security of facilities reporting under the Risk Management Program.

L. Nakai then described the Yucca Mountain Project, which is the proposed geologic repository for the nation's nuclear wastes. Located on the Nevada Test Site some 100 mi NW of Las Vegas, Yucca Mountain is scheduled to begin receiving wastes in 2010. The site has been studied for the past two decades, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission should be making a decision to approve/disapprove within the next several years on the Project.

## **LEPC PLAN UPDATE**

L. Nakai then discussed the project to update the LEPC Plan this FY. The Harbor Area Project will examine facilities adjacent to Honolulu Harbor. Nimitz Hwy, Nuuanu & Kalihi Streams, and Honolulu Harbor bound the area of interest. Sand Island is also included in the project, along with the following facilities just mauka of Nimitz Hwy: Weyerhaeuser, Costco, Home Depot, BEI, and Conoco-Philips. A review committee selected Dixon Risk Services from the four proposals submitted for this \$20K project. Procurement approved the project on January 15, 2003, and the project should be completed in September 2003.

## **INCIDENT RESPONSE TO TERRORIST BOMBINGS**

L. Nakai gave a presentation on the Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings course that is presented in Socorro, NM by the Department of Justice. The course provides first responders and emergency responders with knowledge and skills when responding to bombing and other WMD events. Students participated in classroom instruction and field demonstrations. Topics covered were commercial and military explosives, improvised explosive devices, letter and briefcase bombs, and car bombs. A short video on letter and briefcase bombs, and car bombs was presented.

## **C.L.E.A.N. UPDATE**

J. Vinton discussed C.L.E.A.N. projects with Barbers Point & Makakilo Elementary Schools to upgrade public address and communications systems. C.L.E.A.N. will be presenting a \$35K check to Makakilo Elementary School to upgrade their public address system. A working group from C.L.E.A.N., the Department of Education, State Civil Defense and Oahu Civil Defense Agency determined that a siren simulator for Barbers Point Elementary School would best meet the school's need for a warning siren. Details are being finalized for the siren simulator system.

C.L.E.A.N. has decided on a project to prepare an evacuation plan for CIP. A project committee to include CIP businesses, HPD, HFD, OCDA, and Campbell Estates will be addressing the issue. C.L.E.A.N. is also in the process of upgrading the CIP Resources Guide and Jim asked that he be notified of any changes that should be included in the update.

## **ANTHRAX PROTOCOLS AND NEW HAZCAT KIT**

E. Gomes gave an overview of current protocols to handle and screen unknown chemical or biological samples before they are sent to either the State DOH lab or the UH lab. The HEER Office will be providing additional hazcat kits to the counties, and will soon have an electron microscope/glove box setup to further identify an unknown substance.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION**

L. Nakai announced that Andy Keith of HECO offered to conduct tours of HECO facilities. LEPC members interested should contact L. Nakai.

**V. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

The next LEPC meeting will be scheduled in May to precede the HSERC meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:58 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leland A. Nakai". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Leland" being more prominent.

Leland A. Nakai  
LEPC Coordinator

Attachment

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**ATTENDANCE LIST**

**VOTING MEMBERS:**

Carter Davis	HFD
Leland Nakai	OCDA
Randall Lee	Environmental Services
Steven Ogata	Department of Agriculture
Roy Yamamoto	HAH
Andy Keith	HECO
Glenn Moir	Transportation Services
Lope Salvatierra	Enterprise Services
Rick Stercho	ARC
Bruce Hisanaga	Department of Education
Tom Vendetta	Human Resources
Brian Mohr	Parks & Recreation
Shirley Zhai	BEI
Elwin Spray	Neighborhood Commission
Susan Siu	Medical Examiner

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS:**

Jim Vinton	CLEAN
Denis Shimamoto	HEER
Michele Chang	MCBH
Lynne Nakamoto	USAGHI Environmental
Cynthia Pang	Navy Region Hawaii
Alan Sugihara	Navy Region Hawaii
Gary Susag	OCDA
Denis Shimamoto	HEER
Beryl Ekimoto	HEER
Ed Gomes	HEER
James Decker	HIOSH
John Hopkins	HTS
Melvin Tsutsumi	HFD
Walter Oda	HFD
Walter Medina	HIOSH